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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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provides inspection results based upon imaged data. Yamane does not teach or suggest controlling a path of a beam as now claimed. Since neither Jansen or Yamane teach controlling a path of a beam as claimed, the combination of Jansen and Yamane fails to provide a *prima facie* basis to reject the claims and thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 46 recites method steps of imaging a tissue sheet to evaluate thickness and cutting the tissue sheet to separate portions of the tissue sheet with a thickness outside of a selected range. Claim 46 recites steps of imaging and cutting a tissue sheet. Neither Jansen nor Yamane teach the steps of imaging and cutting a tissue sheet. Jansen discloses a method of cutting a plastic film or material, not a tissue sheet. Dependent claims 49 and 51-60 are allowable based upon the allowable of claim 46.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 6-8, 10-12, 46 and 49-60 are respectfully requested.

New claim 61 is added. Favorable action with respect to new claim 61 is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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